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Mexican National wanted for Murder in Mexico is Arrested by Chicago INS Agents

CHICAGO, IL. – April 14, 2000 – Chicago Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) agents arrested a 27-year-old illegal alien from Mexico who is wanted by Mexican authorities for his involvement in the murder of his pregnant girlfriend on January 7, 2000.

Sergio Antonio Villalobos-Ventura was a member of the Policia Ministerial del Estado (PME), the Mexican State Police, and was considered armed and dangerous. Mexican officials, in coordination with the foreign offices of the INS and FBI, requested the assistance of the INS in Chicago to locate Villalobos-Ventura, who was believed to have fled to the United States and was residing and working in Manteno, Illinois.

Chicago INS agents worked quickly to locate and apprehend the suspect with the aid of the Manteno, Illinois Police Department. The apprehension took place on April 6 outside of the Old Country Buffet restaurant in Manteno where Villalobos-Ventura was working illegally. While INS agents were processing the necessary immigration paperwork, they discovered that Villalobos-Ventura was carrying several fraudulent resident alien cards and social security cards under the assumed names of Rene Gonzalez and Edgar Ventura.

“One of the main goals of the INS is to apprehend criminal aliens who are residing unlawfully in the United States,” said Brian R. Perryman, District Director of the INS in Chicago. “Our agents are working diligently with the help of other law enforcement agencies to ensure that our communities are safe.”

Villalobos-Ventura was placed on a U.S. Marshals flight to Laredo, Texas this morning where he will be turned over to the Mexican authorities at the border.

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